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To: HarborComments

Cc: Mayor Charlie Hales; Commissioner Nick Fish; Commissioner Steve Novick; Commissioner Amanda Fritz; Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Subject: Expensive cleanup is bad for jobs

Don't approve a cleanup plan that may hurt jobs because it is so expensive.

I want to see the EPA support a clean river. But I also want to see the EPA support a strong Portland economy. A strong economy relies heavily on the blue-collar jobs that exist on the Willamette River.

As you consider all the options, please don't support a plan that costs a lot of money and will force small companies to spend a lot on the cleanup.

I have worked at EVRAZ Oregon Steel for 27 years and through out my career here I have seen many changes in the way our company has handled everything from air quality to water quality, meeting and exceeding state and government standards. State heads such as Governor Barbra Roberts who recognized and supported the way we handled our then melt shop bag house dust via a state of the art glassification facility to Senator Ron Wyden who visited our plant in support of local businesses hiring local people in support of the local economy.

In the past few years EVRAZ has made quite an effort to clean water through better filtration and holding ponds , and as of latest through river bank clean up and reclamation and proper disposal of that material which has been documented, I know the long term solution is 20 years but if you look at the past compared to the present you will see that almost all the company's and local businesses have made extensive efforts to clean up and improve their areas of business.

Thousands of jobs would be lost, businesses closed and federal, state and local revenue vanish but I do believe that the river can and is already starting to reclaim it's self do to these efforts, dredging this definitely would disturb material that has settled, putting a cover layer would be the next best option and less costly which I think would actually speed up the river reclamation effort faster and would keep almost every state, local and private business from closing. I know the EPA is giving 3 options for the river cleanup, the least of the less costly would be the best option, the second most costly would be delt with and absorbed far better than the most costly .

I love clean rivers and streams also but I also don't want to see so many people's jobs and businesses be lost , please consider the 20 year option or at least the cover layer option as being best for everyone alround .

Sincerely,

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